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**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - (Corpus Christi) - Year C**

**Introduction:**

Good morning / evening we welcome our parishioners to Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill/Schofields Parish.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is truly present in the Sacrament of the new and eternal covenant, a living memorial of his redeeming sacrifice. He is the living Bread come down from heaven, who gives life to men and women.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by

Let us all stand and join in the singing the Entrance Hymn.

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - (Corpus Christi) LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### FIRST READING   (Gen 14:18-20)

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of

God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth,

and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.’

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4)

***(R.) You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.***

#### 1. The Lord’s revelation to my Master:

#### ‘Sit on my right:

#### I will put your foes beneath your feet.’ (Response)

#### 2. The Lord will send from Zion

#### your sceptre of power:

#### rule in the midst of all your foes. (Response)

#### 3. A prince from the day of your birth

#### on the holy mountains;

#### from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. (Response)

#### 4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.

#### ‘You are a priest for ever,

#### a priest like Melchizedek of old.’ (Response)

#### SECOND READING  (1 Cor 11:23-26)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;

whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Lk 9:11-17)

#### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

#### Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

#### It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.’ He replied, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, ‘Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.’ They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

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**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - (CORPUS CHRISTI)**

**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** — Longing for the food that brings eternal life, let us pray to God the Father, that through his Son Jesus, the Bread of Life, he may nourish the hunger of his people.

**Reader:** — That the Church, the People of God, may remain faithful to the Paschal Mystery of Christ, so that the Eucharist may ever become a communion with Christ and with one another,

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the heavenly Father may give his children their “daily bread,” which includes their spiritual nourishment through the Body of Christ in the Eucharist.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That of all us may not just seek what satisfies our physical hunger and thirst, but above all may long for the food that gives eternal life, the Body of Christ,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That our Eucharistic meal may inspire in us love that seeks the happiness of others, communion that desires reconciliation and unity, and joy that anticipates the happiness of the heavenly banquet.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have died. In particular those mention in our parish bulletin. May God’s merciful love shine on them and their loved ones left behind.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader: Together we now pray the Prayer for the Parish Community.**

**All:** God, our Father, bless this parish Mary Immaculate so that we may love you more. Help the parents to be good examples to the children and our youth to grow in love and strength as good Christians.

 Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow joy.

 May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living.

**Priest:** God our Father, may our worship of the sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son help us to experience his salvation and win for us the happiness of your kingdom, where you live and reign for ever and ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.